



NC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

NC MEDICAID DIVISION OF HEALTH BENEFITS PREFERRED DRUG LIST REVIEW PANEL MEETING

AGENDA

Tuesday, January 13, 2026, 1:00 p.m.– 5:00 p.m.
Virtual Online Meeting

- I. Welcome
- II. Introductions / Medicaid Updates
- III. Overview of Panel Activities and Procedures
- IV. Drug Class Reviews, Review of Public Comments and Public Testimony

As a reminder, the PDL Panel meets once per quarter to make proposed changes. Additionally, every PDL category is reviewed at least once per calendar year. Public comments during the 30-day public comment period are allowed for categories that the State designates on the publicly posted document (any category with proposed additions and/or removals). Speakers at the PDL Panel meeting are only allowed for categories listed on the agenda for that meeting. **The categories below contain recommendations that will require a vote by the PDL Panel. Those categories that are highlighted have no State recommendations but are open for discussion:**

Alzheimer's Agents

1. Alzheimer's Agents

Analgesics

1. Orally Disintegrating / Oral Spray Schedule II Opioids
 - a. (Please note this category is being removed from the PDL)
2. NSAIDS
3. Neuropathic pain

Anticonvulsants

1. Carbamazepine Derivatives
2. Second Generation

Anti-Infectives – Systemic

1. Antibiotics: Lincosamides and Oxazolidinones
2. Nitroimidazoles (Gastrointestinal Antibiotics)
3. Antivirals (Hepatitis B Agents)
4. Antibiotics, Inhaled

Behavioral Health

1. Antidepressants (Other)
2. Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitor (SSRI)
3. Antihyperkinesis / ADHD

Cardiovascular

1. Angiotensin II Receptor Blockers
2. Beta Blockers
3. Direct Renin Inhibitor
4. Inhaled Prostacyclin Analogs

5. PCSK9

6. Platelet Inhibitors

Endocrinology

1. Hypoglycemics – Injectable Rapid Acting
2. Hypoglycemics – Short Acting Insulin
3. Hypoglycemics – Long Acting Insulin
4. Hypoglycemics – Premixed 70/30 Combination Insulin
5. Amylin Analogs
6. Alpha-Glucosidase Inhibitors
7. Thiazolidinediones and Combinations

Gastrointestinal

1. Histamine-2 Receptor Antagonists
2. Progestins Used for Cachexia

Hematologic

1. Anticoagulants (Oral)
2. Thrombopoiesis Stimulating Agents

Osteoporosis

1. Bone Resorption Suppression and Related Agents

Respiratory

1. Orally Inhaled Anticholinergics / COPD Agents
2. Inhaled Corticosteroids
3. First Generation Antihistamines

Topicals

1. Acne Agents
2. Antifungals

Miscellaneous

1. Urea Cycle Disorder Treatments, Oral
2. Immunomodulators, Atopic Dermatitis
3. Epinephrine, Self-Administered
4. Glucocorticoid Steroids, Oral
5. Cytokine And Cam Antagonists
6. Hereditary Angioedema (HAE) Prophylaxis Agents
7. Hereditary Angioedema (HAE) Treatment Agents
8. Opioid Antagonists
9. Opioid Dependence
10. Skeletal Muscle Relaxants

Obsolete Drugs

1. Obsolete drugs

V. Closing comments and adjournment